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By Representatives Roberts, Dickerson, Appleton, Lantz, Clibborn, Rodne, Walsh, Kenney, and Morrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to life transitions multipurpose programs; and
2 amending RCW 28B.04.010, 28B.04.020, 28B.04.030, 28B.04.040,
3 28B.04.050, 28B.04.060, 28B.04.080, 28B.04.085, 28B.04.100, 28B.04.110,
4 and 28B.04.120.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.04.010 and 1979 c 73 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 This chapter may be known and cited as the "~~((displaced homemaker))~~
9 life transitions act."

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.04.020 and 2004 c 275 s 29 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The legislature finds that homemakers are an unrecognized part of
13 the workforce who make an invaluable contribution to the strength,
14 durability, and ~~((purpose))~~ economic vitality of our state.

15 The legislature further finds that there is an increasing number of
16 persons in this state who, having ~~((fulfilled a))~~ performed the role as
17 homemaker, ~~((find themselves "displaced" in their middle years~~
18 ~~through))~~ must transition into the workforce due to divorce, death of

1 a spouse or domestic partner, or disability or reduced earning
2 capability of the spouse(~~(, or other loss of family income of a~~
3 ~~spouse))~~ or domestic partner who was the primary family wage earner.
4 As a consequence, (~~(displaced))~~ transitioning homemakers are very often
5 left with little or no income; they are ineligible for categorical
6 welfare assistance; they are subject to the highest rate of
7 unemployment of any sector of the workforce; they face continuing
8 discrimination in employment because of their age (~~(and))~~ or lack of
9 recent paid work experience; they are ineligible for unemployment
10 insurance because they have been engaged in unpaid labor in the home;
11 they are ineligible for social security benefits because they are too
12 young, and many never qualify because they have been divorced from the
13 family wage earner; and they may have lost beneficiaries' rights under
14 employer's pension and health plans through divorce or death of
15 spouse(~~(; and they are often unacceptable to private health insurance~~
16 ~~plans because of their age))~~).

17 It is the purpose of this chapter to establish guidelines under
18 which the state board for community and technical colleges shall
19 contract to establish multipurpose (~~(service centers and))~~ programs to
20 provide necessary training opportunities, counseling, and services for
21 (~~(displaced))~~ transitioning homemakers so that they may enjoy the
22 independence and economic security vital to a productive life.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.04.030 and 2004 c 275 s 30 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
26 this section apply throughout this chapter.

27 (1) "Board" means the state board for community and technical
28 colleges.

29 (2) (~~("Center" means a multipurpose service center for displaced~~
30 ~~homemakers as described in RCW 28B.04.040.~~

31 (~~3~~)) "Program" means (~~(those))~~ life transitions multipurpose
32 programs described in RCW (~~(28B.04.050 which provide))~~ 28B.04.040
33 providing direct(~~(7))~~ outreach, (~~(and))~~ information and (~~(training~~
34 ~~services))~~ referral, and intensive instructional programs, which serve
35 the needs of (~~(displaced))~~ transitioning homemakers.

36 (~~(4)~~ "~~Displaced~~") (3) "Transitioning homemaker" means an
37 individual who:

- 1 (a) Has worked in the home for (~~ten~~) five or more years providing
2 unsalaried household services for family members on a full-time basis;
3 and
4 (b) Is not gainfully employed;
5 (c) Needs assistance in securing employment; and
6 (d) Has been dependent on the income of another family member but
7 is no longer supported by that income, (~~or~~) has been dependent on the
8 income of another family member but needs to secure employment because
9 of reduced earning capability of the primary family wage earner, has
10 been dependent on federal assistance but is no longer eligible for that
11 assistance, or is supported as the parent of minor children by public
12 assistance or spousal support but whose children are within two years
13 of reaching their majority.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.04.040 and 1985 c 370 s 38 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The board, in consultation with state and local governmental
17 agencies, community groups, and local and national organizations
18 concerned with (~~displaced~~) transitioning homemakers, shall receive
19 applications and may contract with public or private nonprofit
20 organizations to establish multipurpose (~~service centers~~) programs
21 for (~~displaced~~) transitioning homemakers. In determining sites and
22 administering agencies or organizations for the (~~centers~~) programs,
23 the board shall consider the experience and capabilities of the public
24 or private nonprofit organizations making application to provide
25 services (~~to~~) as a (~~center~~) program.

26 (2) The board shall issue (~~rules~~) policies and procedures
27 prescribing the standards to be met by each (~~center~~) program in
28 accordance with the policies set forth in this chapter. Continuing
29 funds for the maintenance of each (~~center~~) contract shall be
30 contingent upon the determination by the board that the (~~center~~)
31 multipurpose program is in compliance with the contractual conditions
32 and with the (~~rules~~) policies and procedures prescribed by the board.

33 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.04.050 and 1985 c 370 s 39 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) Each (~~center~~) program contracted for under this chapter shall
36 include or provide information and referral to the following services:

1 (a) Job counseling services which shall:
2 (i) Be specifically designed for (~~displaced~~) transitioning
3 homemakers;
4 (ii) Counsel (~~displaced~~) transitioning homemakers with respect to
5 appropriate job opportunities; and
6 (iii) Take into account and build upon the skills and experience of
7 a homemaker and emphasize job readiness as well as skill development;
8 (b) Job training and job placement services which shall:
9 (i) Emphasize short-term training programs and programs which
10 expand upon homemaking skills and volunteer experience and which lead
11 to gainful employment;
12 (ii) Develop, through cooperation with state and local government
13 agencies and private employers, model training and placement programs
14 for jobs in the public and private sectors;
15 (iii) Assist (~~displaced~~) transitioning homemakers in gaining
16 admission to existing public and private job training programs and
17 opportunities, including vocational education and apprenticeship
18 training programs; and
19 (iv) Assist in identifying community needs and creating new jobs in
20 the public and private sectors;
21 (c) Health counseling services, including referral to existing
22 health programs, with respect to:
23 (i) General principles of preventative health care;
24 (ii) Health care consumer education, particularly in the selection
25 of physicians and health care services, including, but not limited to,
26 health maintenance organizations and health insurance;
27 (iii) Family health care and nutrition;
28 (iv) Alcohol and drug abuse; and
29 (v) Other related health care matters;
30 (d) Financial management services which provide information and
31 assistance with respect to insurance, taxes, estate and probate
32 problems, mortgages, loans, and other related financial matters;
33 (e) Educational services, including:
34 (i) Outreach and information about courses offering credit through
35 secondary or postsecondary education programs, and other re-entry
36 programs, including bilingual programming where appropriate; and
37 (ii) Information about such other programs as are determined to be

1 of interest and benefit to ~~((displaced))~~ transitioning homemakers by
2 the board;

3 (f) Legal counseling and referral services; and

4 (g) Outreach and information services with respect to federal and
5 state employment, education, health, public assistance, and
6 unemployment assistance programs which the board determines would be of
7 interest and benefit to ~~((displaced))~~ transitioning homemakers.

8 (2) The staff positions of each multipurpose ~~((center))~~ program
9 contracted for in accordance with RCW 28B.04.040, including
10 supervisory, technical, and administrative positions, shall, to the
11 maximum extent possible, be filled by ~~((displaced))~~ transitioning
12 homemakers.

13 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.04.060 and 1985 c 370 s 40 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The board may contract, where appropriate, with public or private
16 nonprofit groups or organizations serving the needs of ~~((displaced))~~
17 transitioning homemakers for programs designed to:

18 (1) Provide direct services to ~~((displaced))~~ transitioning
19 homemakers, including job counseling, job training and placement,
20 health counseling, financial management, educational counseling, legal
21 counseling, and referral services as described in RCW 28B.04.050;

22 (2) Provide statewide outreach and information services for
23 ~~((displaced))~~ transitioning homemakers; and

24 (3) Provide training opportunities for persons serving the needs of
25 ~~((displaced))~~ transitioning homemakers, including those persons in
26 areas not directly served by programs ~~((and centers))~~ established under
27 this chapter.

28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.04.080 and 2004 c 275 s 31 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) The board shall consult and cooperate with the department of
31 social and health services; the higher education coordinating board;
32 ~~((the superintendent of public instruction;))~~ the workforce training
33 and education coordinating board; the employment security department;
34 the department of labor and industries; sponsoring agencies under the
35 federal ~~((comprehensive employment and training act (87 Stat. 839; 29
36 U.S.C. Sec. 801 et seq.)),)~~ workforce investment act; and any other

1 persons or agencies as the board deems appropriate to facilitate the
2 coordination of ~~((centers))~~ programs established under this chapter
3 with existing programs of a similar nature.

4 (2) Annually on July 1st, each agency listed in subsection (1) of
5 this section shall submit a description of each service or program
6 under its jurisdiction which would support the programs ~~((and centers))~~
7 established by this chapter and the funds available for such support.

8 (3) The board shall serve as a clearinghouse for ~~((displaced))~~
9 transitioning homemaker information and resources and shall compile and
10 disseminate statewide information to the ~~((centers))~~ programs, related
11 agencies, and interested persons upon request.

12 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.04.085 and 2004 c 275 s 32 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) The executive coordinator of the board shall establish an
15 advisory committee, to be known as the ~~((displaced homemaker))~~ life
16 transitions program advisory committee.

17 (2) The advisory committee shall be advisory to the executive
18 coordinator and staff of the board.

19 (3) Committee membership shall not exceed twenty-two persons and
20 shall be geographically and generally representative of the state. At
21 least one member of the advisory committee shall either be or recently
22 have been a ~~((displaced))~~ transitioning homemaker.

23 (4) Functions of the advisory committee shall be:

24 (a) To provide advice on all aspects of administration of the
25 ~~((displaced homemaker))~~ life transitions program, including content of
26 program rules, guidelines, and application procedures;

27 (b) To assist in coordination of activities under the ~~((displaced~~
28 ~~homemaker))~~ life transitions program with related activities of other
29 state and federal agencies, with particular emphasis on facilitation of
30 coordinated funding.

31 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.04.100 and 1979 c 73 s 10 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 Thirty percent of the funding for the ~~((centers and))~~ programs
34 under this chapter shall be provided by the organization administering
35 the ~~((center or))~~ program. Contributions in-kind, whether materials

1 and supplies, physical facilities, or personal services, may be
2 considered as all or part of the funding provided by the organization.

3 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.04.110 and 1985 c 370 s 43 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The board may, in carrying out this chapter, accept, use, and
6 dispose of contributions of money, services, and property: PROVIDED,
7 That funds generated within individual ~~((centers))~~ multipurpose
8 programs may be retained and utilized by those ~~((centers))~~ programs.
9 All moneys received by the board or any employee thereof pursuant to
10 this section shall be deposited in a depository approved by the state
11 treasurer. Disbursements of such funds shall be on authorization of
12 the board or a duly authorized representative thereof. In order to
13 maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control such funds shall
14 be subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation
15 shall be required to permit expenditure of such funds.

16 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.04.120 and 1979 c 73 s 12 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 No person in this state, on the ground of ~~((sex, age,))~~ race,
19 creed, color, ~~((religion,))~~ national origin, families with children,
20 sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, honorably discharged
21 veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or
22 physical ~~((handicap))~~ disability or the use of a trained dog guide or
23 service animal by a person with a disability, shall be excluded from
24 participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to
25 discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in
26 part with funds made available under this chapter.

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